

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-36.(canceled)

37.(currently amended) A patient support apparatus comprising
a frame,

a deck coupled to the frame and configured to support a patient, the deck including a first section coupled to the frame and movable between a lowered position and a raised position and a second section coupled to the frame and movable between a lowered position and a raised position,

a control assembly coupled to the first section and to the second section, the control assembly being configured to initially raise the second section to the raised position and then lower the second section to the lowered position as the first section is raised from the lowered position to the raised position, and

a drive coupled to the second section and operable independent of the control assembly to raise and lower the second section.

38.(original) A patient support apparatus comprising
a frame,

a deck coupled to the frame and configured to support a patient, the deck including a first section coupled to the frame for movement from a lowered position to a raised position through an intermediate position therebetween, the deck including a second section coupled to the frame for movement between a raised position and a lowered position,

a control assembly coupled to the first section and coupled to the second section, the control assembly being configured to move the second section from the lowered position to the raised position as the first section moves from the lowered position to the intermediate position, and the control assembly being configured to move the second section from the raised position to the lowered position as the first section moves from the intermediate position to the raised position, and

a drive coupled to the second section and operable independent of the control assembly to raise and lower the second section.

39.(currently amended) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a frame,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck including a back section, a seat section and a thigh section, the back, seat and thigh sections being longitudinally spaced apart and transversely extending,

the back section being movable relative to the frame between a lowered position and a raised position through an intermediate position therebetween,

the thigh section being movable relative to the frame between a lowered position and a raised position,

a first thigh section drive coupled to the back section and the thigh section such that the thigh section moves from the lowered position to the raised position as the back section moves from the lowered position to the intermediate position and such that the thigh section moves from the raised position to the lowered position as the back section moves from the intermediate position to the raised position, and

a second thigh section drive coupled to the thigh section and operable independent of the back section to raise and lower the thigh section.

40.(currently amended) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a frame,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck including a back section, a seat section and a thigh section, the back, seat and thigh sections being longitudinally spaced apart and extending transversely with at least the back and thigh sections being movable relative to the frame between respective lowered positions and raised positions,

a first thigh section drive coupled to the back section and the thigh section to initially raise the thigh section to the raised position and then lower the thigh section to the lowered position in response to movement of the back section ~~away~~ from a the lowered position to the raised position, and

a second thigh section drive coupled to the thigh section and operable independent of the back section to raise and lower the thigh section.

41-60.(canceled)